

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently amended) A portable computing device including a selectively removable communication apparatus provided in conjunction therewith comprising:

a portable computing device having a housing having at least one selectable docking port associated therewith, a selectively removable communication apparatus having at least two selectable docking ports such that the communication apparatus is capable of directly mechanically docking and interfacing directly to the portable computing device in at least two operable configurations relative to the portable computing device.

32. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the communication apparatus is a cellular telephone, and is selectively docked to the portable computing device to provide communication capabilities in conjunction with the portable computing device.

33. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the communication apparatus includes a user interface keypad, a display, and a docking port for mating with the at least one docking port associated with the portable computing device.

34. (Currently amended) A portable computing device including a selectively removable communication apparatus provided in conjunction therewith comprising:

a portable computing device having a housing having at least one selectable docking port associated therewith, a selectively removable communication apparatus having at least two selectable docking ports such that the communication apparatus is capable of mechanically docking and interfacing

to the portable computing device in at least two operable configurations relative to the portable computing device; and

~~The apparatus according to claim 31,~~ wherein the communication apparatus includes a keypad interface on both sides thereof, one of which is accessible when docked to the portable computing device in at least one operable configuration, and the other of which is accessible when docked to the portable computing device in at least one other operable configuration.

35. (Currently amended) A portable computing device including a selectively removable communication apparatus provided in conjunction therewith comprising:

a portable computing device having a housing having at least one selectable docking port associated therewith, a selectively removable communication apparatus having at least two selectable docking ports such that the communication apparatus is capable of mechanically docking and interfacing to the portable computing device in at least two operable configurations relative to the portable computing device; and

~~The apparatus according to claim 31,~~ wherein the communication apparatus is docked to the front of the portable computing device such that a docking connector of the portable computing device mates with a docking connector on the communication apparatus, with the front of the communication apparatus facing outward and the back of the communication apparatus covering a display of the portable computing device to act as a lid for the portable computing device.

36. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the communication apparatus is operational when docked to the portable computing device or when undocked, and data may be exchanged between the portable computing device and the communication apparatus.

37. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the communication apparatus includes a first side having at least a first interface keypad, a display and a first docking connector, and a back side having at least a second docking connector for mating with a connector associated with the portable computing device.

38. (Currently amended) A portable computing device including a selectively removable communication apparatus provided in conjunction therewith comprising:

a portable computing device having a housing having at least one selectable docking port associated therewith, a selectively removable communication apparatus having at least two selectable docking ports such that the communication apparatus is capable of mechanically docking and interfacing to the portable computing device in at least two operable configurations relative to the portable computing device; and

wherein the communication apparatus includes a first side having at least a first interface keypad, a display and a first docking connector, and a back side having at least a second docking connector for mating with a connector associated with the portable computing device; and

~~The apparatus according to claim 37,~~ wherein the back side of the communication apparatus further comprises a second keypad for data entry, wherein the communication apparatus may be docked with its front side or back side facing the portable computing device.

39. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the first and second docking connectors allow the communication apparatus to be coupled to the portable computing device in different orientations.

40. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein one of the orientations positions the communication apparatus to cover a portion of the portable computing device, such that the display associated with the portable

computing device is visible to an user, and a keyboard associated with the communication apparatus is accessible.

41. (New) A portable computing device including a selectively removable communication apparatus provided in conjunction therewith comprising:

a portable computing device having a housing and at least one selectable docking port associated therewith;

a selectable removable communication apparatus having a docking port associated therewith; and

whereby the docking port of the removable communication device is directly mechanically and electrically removably coupled to the selective docking port of the portable computing device.

42. (New) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the communication apparatus is a cellular telephone, and is selectively dockable to the portable computing device to provide communication capabilities to exchange information from one of the communication apparatus and portable communicating device to the other of the communication apparatus and portable communicating device.

43. (New) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the communication apparatus includes a user interface pad, a display, a docking port for meeting with the docking port associated with the portable computing device.

44. (New) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the communication apparatus is docked to the front of the portable computing device such that a docking connector on the portable computing device mates with a docking connector on the communication apparatus, with the front of the communication apparatus facing outward and the back of the communication apparatus covering a display of the portable computing device to act as a lid for the portable computing device.

45. (New) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the communication apparatus is operational when docked to the portable computing device or when undocked, and data may be exchanged between the portable computing device and the communication apparatus.

46. (New) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the communication apparatus includes a first side having at least a first interface keypad, a display and a first docking connector, and a back side having at least a second docking connector for mating with a connector associated with the portable computing device.

47. (New) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the back side of the communication apparatus further comprises a second keypad for data entry, wherein the communication apparatus may be docked with its front side or back side facing the portable computing device.

48. (New) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the first and second docking connectors allow the communication apparatus to be coupled to the portable computing device in different orientations.

49. (New) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein one of the orientations positions the communication apparatus to cover a portion of the portable computing device, such that the display associated with the portable computing device is visible to a user, and a keyboard associated with the communication apparatus is accessible.

50. (New) A portable computing device as defined in claim 41, wherein the portable computing device has a front surface; and in which a selectable removable communication apparatus is electrically and mechanically mountable directly on said front surface.